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Nation Mourns the Seventh Anniversary of 9/11

BY ANGELA P. SMITH
Staff Writer

Today marks the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorists attacks on the United States. Three terrorists hijacked Boeing airliners targeting the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., destroying the twin towers, killing nearly 3,000 people and launching the 'War on Terror.'

Like virtually all Americans, junior biology major Alnisha Harris remembers exactly where she was and what she was doing the moment she heard about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center.

"I was in high school back home in New Jersey," Harris recalled. "I remember being shocked and scared because many of my family members live and work in New York City."

Memorial services will be held across the United States to remember the victims of one of the worst terrorist attacks in American history.

In Washington, a dedication ceremony for the Pentagon Sept. 11 memorial will begin at 8 a.m. President Bush and Defense Secretary Robert Gates will participate in the ceremony, which will include music and a reading of victims' names. The memorial was built at the spot where Flight 77 plowed into the Pentagon's west wall, killing 184 people. It opens to the public at 7 p.m.

Also, at the Capitol, members of Congress will gather on the steps at 12:03 p.m. to sing "God Bless America."

A ceremony in New York near

ground zero will be held this morning as well. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York Gov. David Patterson and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, among other officials, will read names of all 2,751 victims.

Proceeds from the ceremony will go towards a Sept. 11 memorial site. Bloomberg has called for a city takeover of construction at ground zero, saying the progress at the site has been slow due "to a multi-layered governance structure that has undermined accountability from the get go."

Bloomberg called for the New York Port Authority, which is building most of the projects at the former World Trade Center Site, to set a firm completion date. Bloomberg said the memorial site "must be finished" by the 10th anniversary of the attacks.

Putting politics aside for the day, presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama will also visit ground zero in the afternoon. The two agreed to keep today's focus on those lost in the tragic event.

"All of us came together on 9-11 - not as Democrats or Republicans - but as Americans. In smoke-filled corridors and on the steps of the Capitol; at blood banks and at vigils - we were united as one American family," Obama and McCain said in a joint statement. "We will put aside politics and come together to renew that unity, to honor the memory of each and every American who died, and to grieve with the families and friends who lost loved ones."

Christine Morency, a sophomore physical therapy major, commends Mc-



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Memorials are being held nationwide to commemorate the lives of the victims killed during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Cain and Obama for their bipartisan good will.

"As a New Yorker, I appreciate the candidates for taking a break from the campaign trail and honoring those who lost their lives on that sad day," Morency said. "Whether it has been seven or seventy years, the nation needs to remember that we lost heroic, courageous Ameri-

cans on Sept. 11, and they deserve every

right to be recognized."

Statistics Show Suicide Remains Leading Cause of Death for College Students, Young Adults

BY EBONI FARMER
Deputy Campus Editor

When Antonio Iquchocho was 14, he contemplated committing suicide. The only things stopping him were the thoughts of his little brother or one of his cousins finding him.

"I didn't want them to remember me like that and I didn't know who was going to take care of them if I was gone," Iquchocho said.

When his parents divorced Iquchocho became the man of the house, and when his family members became drug addicts he was left to fend for himself as well as his little brother and cousins.

A lot of the time his mother would disappear for weeks. He almost crashed under all of the pressure at such a young age.

When he was sixteen Iquchocho said that his grandmother saved his life by taking reign over the family and letting him be a kid.

After graduating from high school he didn't have a plan so he figured he would go to the military or work at a factory.

"I had a 3.5 coming out of high school but I never thought I would come to college," he said.

It wasn't until he moved in with his Aunt in Virginia that he thought about coming to college. Howard is the only school he applied to.

"When I came it was like a dream or a fantasy," Iquchocho said.

In August, Iquchocho secured both a bachelors degree in finance and information systems.

With his degrees in hand he plans on helping youth who may be struggling the same way that he was.

"Right now my passions are giving back, mentoring and entrepreneurship," Iquchocho said.

Iquchocho's story isn't uncommon according to the Question, Prevention and Refer institute. Between 1980 and 1995 the rates for black youth suicide increased from 2.1 to 4.5 per 100,000.

The suicide that Iquchocho averted is what Chaplin at the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Eugene Burrell is trying to prevent.

Burrell has been working at How-

ard for 37 years and he that although suicide isn't talked about it is more common than most think.

During suicide prevention and intervention, Burrell taught professors the warning signs of suicides and how they can help someone in trouble.

Question, persuade and refer are the methods that Burrell said can save a life.

"You don't have to be a professional to save a life," Burrell said.

Burrell helped to save a student who hadn't gone to class in weeks, wasn't taking care of herself, all because her boyfriend broke up with her.

He asked her if she was contemplating suicide. A myth Burrell said needs to be expelled is that asking the question will increase the risk of suicide. When in fact it helps to lower anxiety.

Burrell said that the student graduated in May.

After asking the questions next is persuading them to get help, even offering to get it for them, Burrell said.

"We may not be able to solve all their problems but we can offer them hope," Burrell said. "Many times people are trying to find a way out."

Many times people don't know where to go to get help, Burrell said which is why he recommends getting it for them.

Suicide prevention and intervention trainings are held every second and third Wednesday.



Eboni Farmer - Deputy Campus Editor

Psychologists Donna Barnes (right) and Eugene Burrell talk to Howard Alum Antonio Iquchocho (center) about mentoring and reaching out to the Howard community.

ard for 37 years and he that although suicide isn't talked about it is more common than most think.

According to the QPR Institute, suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students between the ages of 18-24. Every week, 20 students



Alexthen Center - Staff Photographer

Students joined together on stage to compete to be the next vocal star on campus during last night's Howard Idol. The finale will be held on Friday at 7 p.m.

Howard American Idol Welcomes Fresh Talent

Attendees enjoyed the campuses up and coming performers Wednesday evening

Last Night, Howard Idol was presented in the Blackburn Center ballroom, where seven contestants had the chance to show their many talents. Howard Idol, one of the activities sponsored by Student Activities, was created in the 2007 fall semester to give students the opportunity to present their talents.

Senior health management major Raynell Hicks hosted the show and Dethorn Young, also a senior health management major, was the show's executive producer.

"It's a great opportunity for our students to participate in and just have fun because Howard has so much talent," said Norkia Baker, assistant director of Student Leadership Development.

The students who participated in Howard Idol were Andre Foster, Torres Hodges, Marquis Williams, James Durrah, Randall Holloway, Zikia Jones-Martin and Jordan Campbell. Jones-Martin, Holloway and Williams advanced to round two. Holloway sang "Knocks Me Off My Feet" and was told by a judge that he was comfortable in his skin and that his professionalism stood out.

Michele Williams, a freshmen marketing major said, "It was great because I got to see some of the talent that we have here at Howard. I had fun!"

To see who qualifies to be the next Howard Idol, attend the finale which will take place on Friday in Blackburn ballroom at 7 p.m.

- Compiled by Brandon Washington, Contributing Writer

'Temptation Island' Evokes Honesty, New Perspectives

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

"Temptation Island" revealed that the opinion of love at Howard comes down to either "play or be played."

The event was hosted by the Gentlemen of Drew Social Club and the National Council of Negro Women, on Wednesday.

The featured hosts of the evening were senior William Brown and junior chemistry major Lindsay Moore, who introduced the members of the panel senior chemical engineering major Roger Anthony, sophomore political science major Shenise Miller, sophomore communications major Devon Mayers and junior political science major Johnetta Abraham.

The first order of the forum was to separate the various audience members into three groups, based on their ideologies of love. Group A, which had less than 20 members, believed that a committed relationship was an attainable goal at Howard. Group B, which was filled to capacity with well over 80 members, was indifferent to love. Lastly, Group C, which was the second largest group,

never considered love or a relationship as an option.

The first question posed to the panel dealt with previous relationship experiences.

Anthony was the first to speak. "It takes a certain level of maturity to be in a relationship and you truly have to know the person you are with," he said.

Everything Anthony said was greeted by an affectionate "awww" from the audience members. His confession that he has been with the same girl since high school provoked the same response from the audience.

However, Mayers took his answers in a different direction and tried neither to sugarcoat nor soften his answers and, in a word, was very honest.

"I've watched people just cheat on one another," he said. "I think its best that you just don't be in a relationship. Maybe in your senior year you can decide to settle down. As far as your first three years, play."

Sophomore film production major Brittany Elise Rickett sparked another debate when she stood up and asked the women of the audience and

the panel, "Why do you think we are not holding ourselves accountable to respect ourselves?" She told the men of the audience and panel, "Y'all can have a little standards."

Abraham simply responded, "There are plenty of women in this audience who are respectable."

Mayers chipped in and added, "Just because you choose not to be in a relationship and have lots of sex, that doesn't mean you're not respectable. You can have a working, sexual relationship."

This comment led to the question of friends with benefits or "cut buddies."

"Ladies, be real with yourselves," Miller said. "There's no such thing as a friend with benefits with no emotional ties. To me, it just doesn't exist. If you see him with another girl, you're going to get mad."

Anthony added that "if you're not saying 'I want to be with you,' there's always room for another person."

Regarding promiscuous women, Mayers said, "you understand that as an animal, God put you on this Earth to have sex...But if you're having sex with Tom, Dick, Harry and Steve, Monday through



Jessica Lewis - Staff Writer

The Gentlemen of Drew Social Club and the National Council of Negro Women hosted the forum "Temptation Island" which touched on pertinent issues such as sex and relationships.

Friday from 10 to one, you are a hoe and then you try to hide it. We know."

Anthony said, "For a girl to be considered a hoe, you have to allow yourself to be disrespected over and over."

GODSC member Abimbola George stood up to say that although promiscuity may be acceptable at a certain age, "For a young man, when we look for girlfriends, we ask around."

Do You Remember Where you Were on 9/11?



Keon Jones, senior psychology major
"I was sitting in the back of U.S. History class. I felt very remorseful for the victims and their families."



Eunice Dixon, junior biology major
"I was at home doing laundry. I was confused because prior to 9/11, no one thought that there could be a terrorist attack in this country of this magnitude."



Kierra Jones, senior broadcast major
"I was sitting in Algebra class wondering why our principal was coming over the loud speaker asking us to turn on the TV."



Kheaton Scott, junior human development major
"I was in middle school math class. I didn't think it was real."

-Compiled by Afiya Hosten, Assistant Copy Chief

Financial Aid Crisis Hits Tennessee State

BY THE METER STAFF
BlackCollegeWire

Quick fundraising efforts helped to retain nearly 900 of 1,338 students who were to be purged from Tennessee State University on Friday, Sept. 5. Donations to TSU's Bridge Grant Program provided funds to some students who fell short financially.

Also, a local church has raised \$15,000 for the students who were purged. The remaining students, about 400, were given 48 hours to leave the university, according to news reports.

Earlier last week, TSU President Melvin N. Johnson asked the community to make donations to the Bridge Grant Program, which is a new initiative designed to bridge the gap between the cost of tuition and fees and each student's available resources.

"Our greatest assets cannot be counted in dollars and cents, but rather in people," Johnson said in a letter to the TSU community on Sept. 5.

In his statement, Johnson addressed the university's financial state.

A \$3.2 million state budget cut, a decrease in out-of-state student enrollment and an increase in out-of-state student tuition had a large financial impact on the university.

Johnson also said that the number of financial concerns surrounding the university may largely be contributed to the state-wide economic woes.

Although the number of applicants to TSU increased by 30 percent this year, the number of students able to pay their tuition and fees significantly declined.

The possibility of hundreds of students being purged may be startling but Mike Jones, assistant director of Financial Aid, said about 500 students are purged each semester.

"This semester has taken its toll on everyone," Jones said.

Alison Thomason was among the students struggling to secure her financial aid awards for the fall semester.

"They just purge me every time there's a purge date," said Thomason, a sophomore early childhood education major from Chicago. "I had to take out another loan with Sallie Mae yesterday. I have to make sure it comes in on time."

Thomason was not alone. Samantha Pate said her struggles with financial aid began in June.

"My loans were still pending and my mom's information was listed as incomplete," said Pate, a sophomore criminal justice major from Sevierville, Tenn.

Other delays and problems with financial aid monetary disbursements were attributed

to issues with loan company Sallie Mae and the transition to BANNER Services, TSU's new software platform system.

"Sallie Mae, like any other organization, may encounter technical difficulties," said John Cade, associate vice president for Enrollment Management. "This is the first year I've known this to happen. There could be any number of reasons that kept [them] from getting their funds to us on time."

Cade also mentioned that about 85 percent of students are looking for some source of financial aid.

However, Sallie Mae disclaimed issues with their loan company. In an e-mail sent to *The Meter*, a spokesperson, Martha Holler, said that only a small portion of TSU's student population was affected by technical errors.

"We stand ready to immediately disburse additional loans to every eligible TSU student as soon as the loans are approved by the school. Until then, we are forced to remain on the sidelines," Holler said in the e-mail.

Foundation Finds More Funds for Students

The Department of University Relations and Development, which raises funds for the TSU Foundation, was able to make significant contributions to out-of-state students because of loosened restrictions on donated monies, doing so with the Bridge Grant Program Johnson started this semester.

The Tennessee State Web site reads, "Your gift to the Tennessee State University Foundation allows us to provide scholarships, departmental support and other special projects that benefit our students."

When individuals, groups and corporations contribute money to the TSU Foundation, they have the option of selecting specific recipients based on requirements they may set when making their donations.

"Often times, (the monies given by donors) are sent as restricted funds — monies that go to specific students or organizations," Cade explained.

This summer, a five-year moratorium restricting the allocation of charitable dollars, was lifted, according to Cade.

As a result, University Relations and Development was able to give more money to students in general.

Additionally, the newly-developed scholarship Web site played a large role in the disbursement of those funds.

"The Web site was like a one-stop shop for offering scholarships," Cade said. "Within a month of its launch [in April], more than 2,200 students applied for aid."

Naval Training Provides Benefits, Career Path

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

Brittany Wong opens up a package that only few college students dare to open. In the package lies Wong's standard naval paraphernalia.

Dangling around Wong's neck are the dog tags of her long-term boyfriend who recently enlisted into the military.

Wong is the first in her family to enlist for service in the military.

"On Mondays and Wednesdays, I wake up at 5 [a.m.] and run to the Metro due to the constant influx of crime alerts at Howard," Wong said. "On Fridays, I have to awake even earlier — 4 o'clock in the morning for physical training. I can barely handle it."

At Howard, students have the option of Air Force or Army as the only available military branches of service on campus. However, students are venturing outside of Howard's gates to pursue other options.

Wong, a freshmen English major, and graduating senior administrative services major Konrad Reese are two students taking the other route to fulfill

their military dreams.

Wong travels 45 minutes every morning on the yellow and blue lines of the Metro to reach her destination of George Washington University for their Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

She said, "The navy is the branch that travels the most, and I wanted to be able to travel. Plus, it's the best branch available."

In addition, Wong has physical training from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Maryland University in College Park.

According to Wong, her tuition is paid in full. In addition, she receives \$370 for books, a \$250 stipend and a guaranteed job. The only thing she pays for is room and board because she is not a student at George Washington University.

Reese, on the other hand, does not have the scholarship benefits of the other ROTC programs and does it strictly for the love of his branch. He enrolled in an outside Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class (PLC) located in Hyattsville, Md.

"Basically, the Marine Corps has better traditions, dis-



Jessica Lewis - Staff Photographer

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program serves as another career route for students at Howard and other universities as well.

cipline, history and it's more of a way of life," Reese said.

Reese did not find out about military benefits until after he completed Officer Training Camp, becoming an officer in the Marine Corps.

According to Jay Cooper, a Howard alumnus, "We're the best in almost all categories. We're the smartest and strongest. It isn't about paying for school; it's strictly about getting into the Marine Corps."

Reese had been involved with the Marine Corps since an

early age through a Young Marines program and "was hooked ever since."

Reese was previously enrolled in ROTC but did not like the competitiveness of the scholarships. He says that at PLC, the opportunities are limitless. Whoever wants to sign up can sign up.

Cooper added, "You find a lot of different people and you find a broad spectrum of people."

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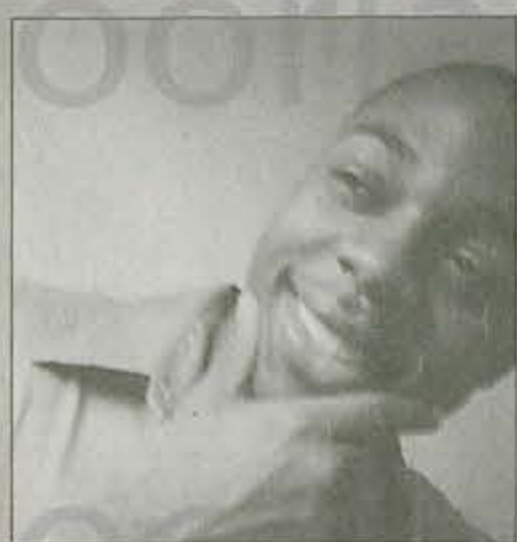
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Ethical Capital: Don't Let The Pursuit of Capital Get You Down

BY CHARLES TAYLOR
Contributing Columnist

Don't let the pursuit of money bring you down.

We've all heard the stories. Wesley Snipes, Martha Stewart, Enron, WorldCom — examples of what happens when people and organizations get greedy and break the rules just to make a quick dollar.

Examples of the consequences of financial mismanagement and unethical behavior can even be seen at Howard in the current financial condition of the School of Business Student Council. While all of the circumstances surrounding the misconduct may never be released, one thing is clear: something went wrong.

Also, given the facts, it is likely that it was perpetrated by a small group of individuals, rather than a mere kink in the system.

So, what can we learn from these issues?

Arguably the most important lesson to take away is that it's almost never worth it. If you've ever watched an episode of CSI, you know that there's evidence left behind at every crime scene. Financial crime is no different.

Even if someone manages to evade responsibility the first time, eventually they'll get caught, even if it takes years. The rewards may seem huge at the time, but they're nothing compared to the consequences of a tarnished reputation.

Secondly, engaging in mismanagement of funds is rarely a one-time thing. Because it seems so easy, once many people begin, they find it difficult to stop. While it may look like the circumstances that would tempt a person to misappropriate funds would rarely repeat themselves, in fact, they are likely to arise again. This makes unethical handling of money a terribly slippery slope.

Frank Ross, a founding member of NABA and a Professor of Ethics in the School of Business, states that "having an ethical value system will increase how people see you. They will want to work with and support you."

He also said that "an ethical value system leads to being more successful and financially well-off." He stresses the importance of remembering that all actions have consequences. Everyone should be prepared to suffer (or enjoy) the consequences of their behavior.

The bottom line is: be careful! Many good people have been brought down by a single mistake. A history of unethical behavior, especially when money is involved, is the fastest way to destroy your future.

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Black Grocery Endures in Trinidad Area



BY TAYLOR SMITH
Contributing Writer

At age 64, Walter Jamison, owner of Black Supermarket, reflects upon the opening of his grocery store and the trials it has endured, including a horrendous fire that destroyed his establishment and the memories within.

Located right on the border of the Trinidad neighborhood on 13th Street and Florida Avenue NE, Black Supermarket has been around since June 1, 1969. Jamison decided to become an entrepreneur after noticing an abundance of black-owned businesses in the D.C. area.

"I wanted to open a liquor store, but at the time I didn't have enough money; they wanted \$10,000 and I had \$5,000," Jamison said.

Unlike most new business owners, Jamison never needed a loan. He started saving his money at an early age. Jamison participated in a third grade play, having only one line which stuck with him ever since.

"Pennies make dollars and with dollars you can do anything." It stuck with me and I've picked up every penny I saw ever since," he said.

Jamison was involved in a community service organization called Peoples Involvement Cooperation which gave him his start as a business owner. The economic development specialist of the organization, Max White, was also a real estate agent who owned a liquor store and a grocery store.

After the riot of 1968, White was eager to sell his business to Jamison. Before Jamison, the grocery store was white-owned with few black customers.

Aside from owning Black Supermarket, Jamison still remains involved in the community.



Owner Walter Jamison and a neighborhood friend chat about Redskins football inside of the store during some afternoon downtime (top). Jamison smiles and welcomes those passing by to enter his store that was opened in 1969 (above).

"He's a good man," said Michael Johnson, 54. "He hosts a block party every year and looks out for the kids."

Jamison first started the block party as a small get-together, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for the neighborhood children after the 4th of July, so they wouldn't be bored.

"Every year it just got bigger and bigger and more people started looking forward to it," Jamison said.

He now collaborates with a woman named Rosalie Johnson. "She provides the programs, I provide the food," Jamison said.

Johnson brings in groups of

churches to build up the program each year, providing a spiritual involvement within the community.

Black Supermarket remained strong until it burned down in an electrical fire on Dec. 6, 2006.

"All that was left was a hand truck, a file cabinet and a safe," Jamison said.

Yet, even after a fire destroyed his store, Jamison rebuilt his establishment and reopened just two months ago.

"After 39 years here, this is the only thing I know how to do anymore," he said.

Since rebuilding, Jamison had been struggling to hold the business up.

Two stores have opened during his absence and Jamison has been competing with them to get his customers back.

However, as Jamison continues to cut prices and as more people realize he's reopened, he predicts a better future for his business. He has loyal customers that come from all over, including Howard University.

"It is intriguing and very inspiring; there aren't many black-owned supermarkets," said Erica Lee, junior nutrition major. "When I first saw it, I thought it was cute and a great place for the neighborhood."

Student Hustle: Sophomore Ine Proctor

BY MACY FREEMAN
Contributing Writer

Ine Proctor is a 19-year-old sophomore psychology major from Houston, Texas. She is a customer service representative for Howard University's bookstore on Georgia Avenue. Proctor began working at the bookstore last semester and started work again the first week of the new school year.

Proctor believes that she possesses the qualities of a hustler. She defines the term hustler as "someone who does everything they can in every way they know possible to get what they need or accomplish their goals." She believes that some people see women as being caregivers while men are supposed to be the breadwinners.

On average, she works no more than 20 hours a week. According to Proctor, she acquired her hustler mentality from her mother. Over a year ago, she worked two full-time jobs and one part-time job. She said, it was "something I had to do to support my brother

and I."

Besides working for the bookstore, she also styles hair for her friends and their friends as well.

"I do braids, roller sets, flat iron, weave and I'm working on locks," she said. "I'm working on palm rolling [too]."

She is currently taking Spanish, Tae Kwon Do, General Social Psychology, Principles of Speech and Research Method and Statistics 1, which includes a lab. With a fully-loaded schedule, Proctor still says she does not have difficulty finding time to study. "My schedule is pretty scattered," she said.

In addition to working, styling hair and going to class, she is involved in extracurricular activities on campus. She serves as the reporting secretary for the Texas Club and she is a member of Circle K International. Outside of school, she is also a certified U.C.A. (Universal Cheerleaders Association) cheer instructor.

"I go to cheerleading camps and

I teach UCA cheer squad's cheer and dance material," she said.

In her spare time, Proctor enjoys cooking, eating and shopping, among other things. While she does not believe that her job adds stress to her day-to-day schedule, she admits that she does not have as much time to relax and to spend time with her friends.

For Proctor, having a job helps her manage her time well. She would advise other students who are thinking about getting a job to consider location, schedules and payment.

Her short-term goals include getting a 4.0 grade point average, improving membership and participation in the Texas Club and reading interesting and educational black literature. She hopes to attend graduate school to get her Ph.D. in clinical psychology upon graduating from Howard with a bachelor's degree in science. She would like to work with psychiatric patients in prisons and in hospitals.

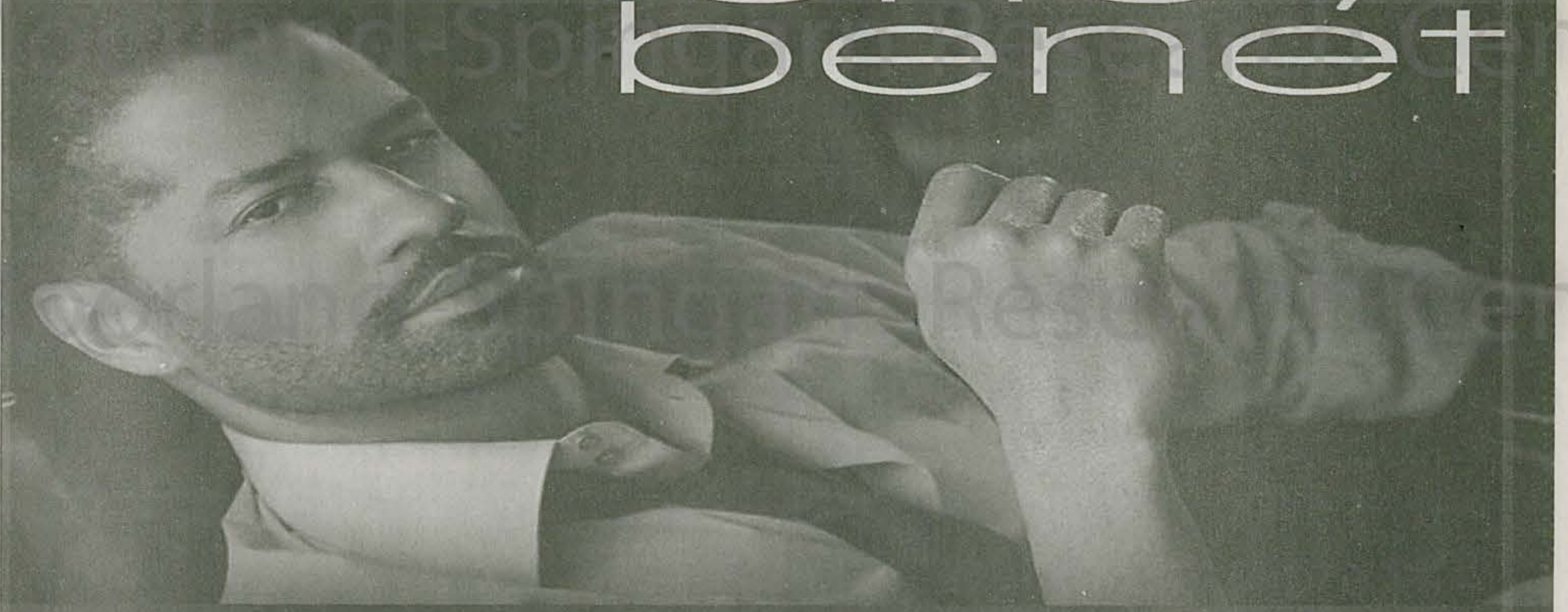
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According to a recent U.S. Census Bureau report, 50 percent of African-American children are being raised in a female, single-parent homes.

The African-American Fatherhood

A local organization targets absentee fathers in the community, strengthens family ties

BY MELISSA MONTGOMERY
Contributing Writer

Statistics have shown that the number of active African-American fathers has significantly decreased over the past 20 years.

Media attention has pegged black fathers as irresponsible, neglectful and lazy. Though mainstream perceptions may not be totally accurate, the concept of a "deadbeat" dad is often associated with black fathers.

The National Partnership of Community Leadership (NPCL), a District-based group, is an organization designed to equip African-American men with the tools needed to be an effective parent.

The organization provides training — not only in the ways of parenting, but it also assists urban fathers in other facets of life. Going into the community, NPCL has found fathers and helped them to turn their lives around.

"There's a lot of things you have to do to make it attractive for fathers to come," said Jeffery Johnson, Ph.D., the president and chief executive officer of NPCL.

Locating job opportunities, creating better relationships with the family, as well as creating an effective relationship with the mother of the child are some of the areas NPCL has facilitated in the lives of absentee fathers.

Johnson has worked with the organization for 12 years. He and his staff have posted fliers in local barbershops and visited basketball courts in attempts to find men with children and to help them strengthen their family ties.

According to Johnson, some men are led to the organization by the advice of their families, their children's mothers or other women in their lives. There are many reasons why some black men choose not to be active in their children's lives. A strained relationship with the mother of the child often plays a key role in father's decision to leave.

"Men also make a decision to stay with the children on whether they have a job or not," Johnson said.

Dr. James Chesley, a gastroenterologist from Charles County, Md., is a divorced father of two. Even though he is divorced, he still helped raise his two children, who are now in college.

"All you hear about is the negative stereotypes," Chesley said. "There are much more positive than there are nega-

tive."

According to the recent U.S. Census Bureau report, 50 percent of black children are being raised in a female, single-parent homes compared to the 16 percent of white children.

"They [the media] should not judge every black man," said Kiara Crawford from Clinton, Md. "They all don't make babies and not take care of them — it's not true."

Crawford, who lives with both parents, said she and her father have a great relationship.

"We are really close," Crawford said. "I can't talk to him about everything, like boys and stuff. But I can still go to him and chat with him when things are going wrong."

Often times, this is the image of black fathers that is seen. There are not too many stories of fathers who are the construction workers who help to fix the streets, or the fathers who are educators who help educate young black children.

Chesley said, "People want to portray black men and fathers a certain way

because that's what sells. But what the media does not understand is that there are many good black men who are taking care of their children."

According to the Alliance for Non-Custodial Parents' Rights Web site, the real "deadbeat dad" is seldom a model citizen, but he is even more seldom the mythical monster described by politicians. Most deadbeat dads are frightened, angry and depressed men who fall into several overlapping categories.

Remarriage and poverty are among the leading factors that contribute to a neglectful parent. Men who pay child support are also considered deadbeat dads, according to the Web site.

Men who provide non-monetary support are also deadbeat dads, according to the child-support system.

Mothers and fathers often work out agreements for child support that involve dad fixing the car, buying groceries, baby-sitting the children, or getting clothes for the children. These men may be unemployed, but they want to help their children.



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Presidential hopeful Barack Obama holds youngest daughter Sasha after a church service in Chicago.

9/11 Memorial Service Schedule

Pentagon Memorial Official Dedication

Date: Sept. 11, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m.

The Pentagon will dedicate the new memorial and open it to the public. The memorial commemorates the 184 lives lost in the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77 during the terrorist attacks.

September 11th Unity Walk

Date: Sept. 14, 2008

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Walk from the Washington Hebrew Congregation at 3935 Macomb Street NW, to The Islamic Center, the National Sikh Gurdwara Washington Cathedral, Vatican Embassy with a concluding celebration at the Gandhi Memorial.

Special Program at Washington National Cathedral

Date: Sept. 11, 2008

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Beyond Tolerance: Touching the Heart of Religious America with Gustav Niebuhr. This will be a free event, open to the public, but reservations are required. Call (877) 537-2228 to join Gustav Niebuhr who will tell stories of faith communities throughout America, crossing religious boundaries by reaching out with love and forgiveness. His new work will chronicle his cross-country quest where he finds not a war on terror, but a crusade to discover common interests and mutual respect.

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Revealed Sept. 11, 2008, the Pentagon Memorial consists of 184 commemorative benches, each representing individual victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.



Charles Metz III - Cartoonist

Gentrification to Improve City Street Safety, Aesthetic Value

Many students, especially those who live in Meridian Hill Hall or in the surrounding area, take advantage of the Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, Marshalls and other stores and restaurants that are within walking distance.

If you look out of the Bethune Annex, you will probably see more white people than ever in the historically black area walking their dog or jogging. If you walk a block down from the Annex, you will see newly built condominiums.

Gentrification is the reason why the northwest area of Washington, D.C. is undergoing many of its cultural and demographic changes. Although some people are against revitalizing the city, gentrification is not all bad.

Those who live the area

complain about the crime and the fear of being safe near dorms or home, but in order to make changes to improve safety, the city must clean up our neighborhood.

Homes and

value of the campus, yet do not want to see the improvements made if it means changing certain things around the city.

Transition is hard and the point of gentrification is not to take away from the culture of Howard, but to bring money in and to move crime out. Forcing families to move out of their homes is unfair. However, certain renovations must occur to rejuvenate the area and to promote safety.

We all love our city and we love Howard, but in order for the area to become cleaner and for the streets to become safer, these changes must occur.

Every student knows that having restaurants, retail stores and entertainment in walking distance is appealing and for this to continue, gentrification must run its course.

Our View:
Gentrification is not all bad, but it is important for the cultural value and historic landmarks to remain on and around Howard's campus.

condominiums around the Shaw-Howard neighborhood sell for as much as \$1 million and, sadly, those who can afford to pay the mortgage do not fit into the racial stereotype of this neighborhood.

Howard students often times complain about the aesthetic

Perspective

Howard Should Contribute to Zanzibar

I was gnawing on some french toast sticks in the Cafe the other day while reading the article about the book donation South Carolina State made in Zanzibar (Sept. 9). The first thing I thought was, "Where's Howard's contribution? What's Howard doing for Africa?" We're one of the nation's top HBCUs, yet there is no university-sponsored effort to connect with the continent. That's a disgrace.

We need more - and I don't mean forum discussions and study-abroad trips - I mean ongoing exchange programs with African universities, partnerships with elementary and secondary schools and cultural dialogue.

Howard should be at the forefront of the effort to connect with and help build up Africans born on the continent. And we shouldn't expect a round of applause for doing it either. If your grandmother were sick, it would be expected that you'd help her out. You wouldn't stay away and let other people care for her.

Of course, it would help if Howard students were required to know the first thing about Africa in order to graduate. We need to expand our requirements for African Studies classes to reach beyond those students who major in those subjects.

Most students sleep through

an African Diaspora class as a freshman and then learn nothing else. Forget swimming - we need at least two African history requirements, for everybody. We have to catch up on what they didn't teach us in high school.

We already know we're actively lied to about Africa from every angle. When I bring that up to people, the response goes something like, "I know, all we see is those little AIDS babies! It's so wrong."

But can you locate more than 10 African countries on the map? Do you know anything about the great civilizations that flourished in Africa before colonization or about any of the hundreds of different cultures there today? Do you know where you fit into that? Since we know we're being lied to, the next logical step is to take the time to reeducate ourselves about the continent and to reach out from our relative position of privilege to help our sisters and brothers there.

I spent part of last summer in Ghana through a study abroad program with the College of Arts and Sciences. While I was there, I found that Ghanaians know as little about the U.S. as we do about Africa. They think we're crazy rich and that we don't help them because we simply don't feel like it.

When I told people how much Howard costs - that prices as well as salaries are much higher here and that not everyone lives like the (white) tourists they see most often - they had to re-think some of those assumptions. Stronger ties with Africa can help break down misconceptions on both sides.

There's no reason we shouldn't bring over African musicians to play for music students or African fashion designers for fashion students. There's no reason we shouldn't send textbooks to African elementary schools or offer scholarships to African students like SCSU does for Zanzibari students.

Of course, this raises the question of why we should focus our energy on Africa when there is war in our own streets, when our own children don't have enough textbooks, when our own men are being imprisoned daily.

The answer is that we all benefit from a stronger Africa. Some Africans may be poor, but they don't shoot each other like we do. We can learn from that. Imagine if all black Americans knew where we came from and where we're going. Thirty-six million educated people? You could never stop us.

- Ashalyn Sims

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CORRECTION: In the Sept. 10, 2008 article "Son of Nation of Islam Founder Passes Away, Leaves Legacy," The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was falsely labeled as the founder of the Nation of Islam. Master Farad Muhammad, also known as W.D. Fard, was in fact the Nation's founder. Also, Imam W.D. Mohammed was born in 1933 as Wallace Dean Muhammad. He took leadership of the Nation of Islam in 1975 and changed the name that same year. Minister Louis Farrakhan did reestablish the organization in 1977, but was incorrectly labeled as Supreme Minister. Farrakhan is the National Representative of the Nation of Islam.

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The Dirt



BY LENZY BETTERS
Contributing Columnist

Bow Wow is still a loser. Even when playing video games... After some YouTube trash talking (it's what all of the cool rappers are doing these days), **The Game** took up Bow Wow's challenge and the two faced off against each other in a \$100,000 match of Madden NFL '09 on the Microsoft Xbox 360. Bow Wow lost 23-55, blaming his loss on the snowy terrain in the game. "We playin' in the snow. That's janky as [expletive]," Bow Wow said. After winning, **The Game** shouted out the names of Ciara, Oprah Winfrey and Gayle King and stated, "I'mma take my kids to Disneyland."

Ciara is creating a lot of buzz by appearing nude on the cover and inside *Vibe* magazine's October issue. In the issue, Ciara bares it all by discussing her previous relationships with **50 Cent** and **Jazze Pha**. On relationships, she says, "You don't have to sell yourself out. Take your time to get to know somebody before you involve the physical aspect...it's just not the way to start off." Interesting. The "Crunk & B" singer also discusses her public image, including those early rumors that she was a man and says that her new album will be a lot more eclectic than what we've heard from her in the past.

Billboard magazine is reporting that fans may be able to expect a fourth album from **Kanye West** in stores by New Year's Eve. West, who is currently busy producing Jay-Z's upcoming album *Blueprint III*, has been busy performing a new track called "Love Lockdown" which many of you undoubtedly caught as the show closer for the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards. Although the official title of his fourth album has yet to be confirmed, West has said in past interviews that his album would be titled "Good Ass Job" and has a similar sound to his previous three albums.

Marion Jones was released from prison last Friday after being sentenced to 6 months in jail for lying about using performance-enhancing drugs during the 2000 Olympics. Jones' release comes with 2 years of probation and 800 hours of community service.

I'm sorry but I have to digress from the mainstream celebrity news for a moment and talk about one of my favorite stars of all time. At a bowling weekend, **Gary Coleman** hit a fan with his pickup truck after the aggressive 24-year-old demanded to take a picture with him on his camera phone. The man's fine. That is all.

Blender magazine debuted their list of music's most over-rated artists and **2Pac** is No. 1 on the list. *Blender* Magazine did admit that Shakur had "insane rock-star charisma," but he also "buried records with self-mythologizing, mediocre filler." What do you think?

Betters provides more daily updates at Lenzasm.com

Classic Comedians Hit the Stage at DAR

BY ALEESA MANN
Life & Style Editor

Comedians Paul Mooney, Dick Gregory and Franklyn Ajaye will be sharing the stage for the first time in D.C., Sept. 19 at the DAR Constitution Hall.

The history-making show, presented by Riot Act Entertainment, boasts an all-star lineup that promises to keep the crowd in stitches.

"It's just going to be fun and it's always going to be fun when you're working with someone like Paul Mooney," Gregory said. "When people come out to see a comedy show, they don't come out to cry they come out to laugh."

Gregory knows more than a thing or two about making audiences laugh. With over 55 years in the comedy industry, Gregory has seen the face and reality of comedy change throughout his lifetime.

"See, I'm 75 years old," Gregory said. "When I came through, [there] wasn't no comedy club," he reminisces. "Matter of fact, when I came through, a Negro couldn't work a white nightclub. You could sing, you could dance, but you couldn't stand flat-footed and talk to white folks."

Gregory continued, "I was the first Negro comic to work a white [nightclub] and that was because of Hugh Hefner's *Playboy* magazine...Now the floodgates have opened. Everybody is out there. You can go to one city and there be five or six different comedy clubs - that never happened before."

Gregory got his start performing comedy in the mid-1950s, serving in the military. He then worked the comedy circuit and in the early 60s, he became an activist protesting the Vietnam War and drug abuse. He paved the way for a younger generation of comedians which include Mooney and Ajaye.

"When I was a young guy in college, I went to see Dick Gregory and on my 21st birthday I went to see Richard Pryor perform at the Red Fox Club," Ajaye said. "Part of the appeal of going to see comedians in those days was actually to observe and be interested in the way they thought as much as making you laugh."

Ajaye, who has starred in the HBO



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Photo Courtesy of Riot Act Entertainment

Dick Gregory (top right), Franklyn Ajaye (top left) and Paul Mooney (bottom) will be performing together at the DAR Constitution Hall on Sept. 19.

series "Deadwood" and has had roles in the films "Car Wash" and "Hollywood Shuffle," has worked hard to see that the generation of comedians brought up underneath him understand the hard work and knowledge that is necessary to succeed

as a comedian.

"I wrote a book...called *Comic Insights: The Art of Stand Up Comedy*...[because] I felt like my generation of comedians...we were influenced by smart comedians and I wrote that to see if I could get young come-

dians to realize how serious they had to be to be a good comedian and how smart they had to be," Ajaye says.

For Ajaye, the entertainment industry has started on a decline that strays from thought-provoking and relevant material.

"There aren't really many comedians that are challenging the audience's thoughts on subjects. They're just spouting what they think the audiences want to hear," he said.

Ajaye continued, "Richard Pryor probably brought in the profanity and interest on sexual material [to stand up], but he was so insightful and bright and he could act things out. A lot of black young comics look to him as kind of a God, but they're not really doing him justice...He wasn't just walking out and cursing in his act...which is what a lot of the young black comedians I've seen are doing."

Despite the trend towards profane and provocative material, which Ajaye has dubbed "the dumbing down" of the entertainment industry, both Gregory and Ajaye feel comedians like Chris Rock and Dave Chappelle are maintaining the integrity of the industry.

"There's a pleasure in laughing at smart things that I think our society has lost because the idea is that comedy is not just about being silly and being energetic, it's also about being clever," Ajaye said. "There's nothing more satisfying than when somebody laughs at something and they see that is funny, also because its clever."

While Mooney was not available for comment, both Ajaye and Gregory praised his work. "When I'm working with Paul, that's really Paul's audience - even the people that love Dick Gregory, they love Paul," Gregory said. "This is the only time I ever worked with somebody where I get a seat in the audience when I come off [stage] and sit down, then wait for him to come on. That's Paul."

Ajaye said, "I think whether you agree with anything the three of us ultimately say, you know you're going to have a respect that these are smart men who are trying to talk about their world in a comedic fashion that is well thought out - and you're going to laugh."

Students Breakdown the Art of House Parties

BY JENERRA ALBERT
Staff Writer

After all-night study sessions, minimal sleep and hours of class, many students look to the weekend as a time when they can juke, two-step or walk it out at a nearby house party - the perfect end to a week's work.

Whether or not party-goers recognize it, all parties are thought out and planned by someone.

"Lack of planning won't make for a good party; you just won't get the full effect," said Alex Aaron, a sophomore finance major known for a sophomoric good party.

"You have to sit down and decide where it's going to be, what kinds of food or drinks [and]...who's going to provide music," Aaron said. "You want to have some type of friends or people you trust to help host and make sure the party goes smoothly without drama or problems. Planning is a must."

Here are a few central elements in throwing a good house party:

Location: Location is one of the basic elements in throwing a house party. At a house, it is important to take precautions to protect personal space and belongings.

Senior telecommunications major and manager for WHBC Erik Mohn said, "It is absolutely necessary to make sure people aren't available to the entire house. Designate an area specifically for the party. Wherever your designated space is, clean out the area and make sure a bathroom is open. You don't want people running around your whole house."

Guests: A party isn't a party without guests. Word of mouth is a reliable way to get people interested in attending any party. Facebook notices, text messages and passing out flyers have also become popular tools for party promotion. While "the more the merrier" seems to hold a certain truth when throwing parties, it is important the guests are respectful of the property.

"When you're throwing a house party, you generally look for immediate friends and associates - especially if it's your house, because you figure they will respect your house and won't initiate any altercations and fights," said Joel Alexis president of Let's Get It (LGI) Entertainment and senior finance major. "You try to develop a crowd mix and focus your marketing towards people who you know like to party and have fun and also those who



Alexandra J. Carter - Staff Photographer

House parties sometimes include alcoholic beverages. However, it is important for one to remain aware of his or her surroundings. This includes awareness while drinking alcohol, as date rape drugs are sometimes used in conjunction with alcohol to have increased effects.

are more laid back and like to chill so it will appeal to the extremes in personality and interest... But, it is a party so everyone is always welcome."

Design: The host must have a system in place to make sure the party runs smoothly. Everyone present is there for a good time. So having a well thought-out

design is crucial.

"We don't let too many people come into the house; it must be regulated," Mohn said. "Before hand, we set a limit of how many people we're going to allow and those who are working the door must keep an eye on the party to make sure we don't exceed that limit."

Quick Guide to Safe Partying

1. Don't go to a party by yourself; travel in large groups of people.

2. Know your surroundings. Just because you have been invited to a party does not mean it is safe.

3. Always have a reliable way home. If you took the metro there, know what time the metro stops running. If you rode there with someone, make sure you have a ride back.

4. Always keep some cash on you. The party may cost more than you expected, or you may need to call a cab as a back-up plan. The best way to be secure when going out to party is to have at least \$20 cash.

Designating individuals to work the door, to serve food and drinks and to DJ relieves pressure from the party host, and minimizes any confusion that may occur.

Surroundings: Be mindful of the neighbors. In D.C., houses are usually so close together that the noise level of a party may disrupt the whole block. It is also important that guests are monitored and their behavior does not become unruly. Keep people interested in what is going on inside. Loitering outside will only draw unwarranted attention to the party.

"[Anyone who] looks like they plan to start trouble, I would probably pull them aside to speak to them," Aaron said. "Address all problems immediately at the door and keep an open eye for potential issues."

Clean Up: After the party has concluded and everyone has gone home, those same people who brought the great party are responsible for the aftermath. That cup someone left on the floor, the jeans that left stains on the walls and the drinks and food that were spilled accidentally on the dance floor all must be cleaned up. To ensure an efficient clean up takes place, have a good set of friends there to help.

Aaron added, "Heavy duty cleaning has to happen in order for the house to be set up so the house looks like it did before the party. That's the least fun part."